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NOTE: Starting with this issue, the HOUSING BULLETIN will present summaries only of the pricing actions taken by OPA in the building and construction materials fields. You can obtain detailed information on any of these actions from your district or regional OPA office.

SOFTWOOD LUMBER -- To enable producers to operate on a cost basis, OPA has authorized a ceiling price increase of \$.04 per thousand board feet for Eastern spruce and \$1 per thousand board feet for Northeastern white pine, Jack pine, Norway pine (except Ottawa Valley white and Norway pine) and Eastern hemlock. The increases became effective October 3, 1946. This action also permits the transportation charges of rail or truck to be added to the same f.o.b. mill base price. (Amendment No. 4 to Third Revised Maximum Price Regulation No. 219 -- Northeastern Softwood Lumber; effective October 3, 1946.)

AIR AND VENT VALVES -- Air and vent valves such as are used on radiators, plumbing drainage specialties, and plumbing drainage staples, except those subject to Revised Price Schedule No. 100, have been suspended from price control, effective October 4, 1946. Parts and subassemblies specifically designed for items which have been suspended from price control are also suspended if they are manufactured by the manufacturer of the complete unit. (Amendment No. 56 to Supplementary Order No. 129 -- Exemption and Suspension from Price Control of Machines, Parts, Industrial Materials and Services; effective October 4, 1946.)

NORTHERN SOFTWOOD LUMBER -- Ceiling prices of 5/4 inch and 6/4 inch Northern hemlock boards have been decreased by OPA while an increase in maximum prices have been allowed for one and two inch stock. This action, effective October 4, 1946, also revises to a proper price relationship the ceiling prices for Western white spruce planks and timbers. (Amendment No. 9 to Maximum Price Regulation No. 222 -- Northern Softwood Lumber; effective October 4, 1946.)

DOUGLAS FIR DOORS -- Recent increases in prices of Douglas fir shop lumber reflected in a new OPA action, effective October 7, 1946, which increases the manufacturers' ceilings of Douglas fir doors by 4.5 per cent over present maximum prices. Resellers are permitted by the amendment to apply their March 31, 1946, percentage mark-up

to their increased acquisition costs. (Amendment No. 3 to Maximum Price Regulation No. 44 -- Douglas Fir Doors; effective Oct. 7, 1946.)

STOCK MILLWORK -- Because of the urgent needs of the Veterans Emergency Housing Program, maximum prices for pine stock millwork have been raised 3.9 per cent which reflects recently increased freight rates and prices of Western pine shop lumber. (Amendment No. 21 to Revised Maximum Price Regulation No. 293 -- Stock Millwork; effective October 7, 1946.)

HARDWOOD FLOORING -- Resellers percentage mark-ups on hardwood flooring have been revised to make a recent reduction of 10 percentage points apply only to hardwood flooring for which mill ceilings are established by Maximum Price Regulation No. 458. This action also changes the freight basing point for Eastern spruce from Wausau, Wisconsin to Mizpah, Minnesota. (Amendment No. 24 to Second Revised Maximum Price Regulation No. 215 -- Distribution Yard Sales of Softwood; effective October 9, 1946.)

CONCRETE REINFORCING BARS -- Producers' ceiling prices for fabricated concrete reinforcing bars have been raised about \$2.50 per ton by increasing the permissible extras for bending and engineering. The increases, effective October 9, 1946, are 15 cents per hundred pounds for both light and heavy bending and 10 cents per hundred pounds for engineering. Fabricators may in the future under this amendment charge published trucking rates when delivery is made entirely by truck. (Amendment No. 2 to Revised Maximum Price Regulation No. 159 -- Fabricated Concrete Reinforcing Bars; effective October 9, 1946.)

COPPER SCREEN CLOTH -- To encourage greater production and distribution producers of bronze and copper wire screen cloth may sell this production on an adjustable pricing basis beginning October 7, 1946. (Amendment No. 1 to Order No. 38 under Revised Price Schedule No. 40 -- Bronze Insect Screen Cloth; effective October 7, 1946.)

LINSEED OIL -- Manufacturers of replacement linseed oil may now sell and deliver this product on an adjustable pricing basis. Sellers may collect and purchasers may pay no more than the current maximum prices pending establishment of new price ceilings. (Order No. 55 under Section 19a of the General Maximum Price Regulation -- Modification of Maximum Prices Established by the GMPR for Certain Chemicals, Drugs and Paints; effective October 10, 1946.)

VITRIFIED CLAY SEWER PIPE -- The critical needs of the Housing Program have prompted an increase in the ceiling prices of vitrified clay sewer pipe and allied products sold in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. Effective October 15, 1946, current maximum prices may be increased by six per cent. (Amendment No. 26 to Revised Maximum Price Regulation No. 206 -- Vitrified Clay Sewer Pipe and Allied Products; and Amendment No. 68 or Order No. 1 under Section 25 of Maximum Price Regulation No. 592 -- Specified Construction Materials and Refractories; both effective October 15, 1946.)